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To: Maternal & Child Health Project Directors
County Health Officers
Minority Health Coalitions
Prospective Grant Applicants

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SUBJECT: FY 2008 and FY 2009 Indiana RESPECT Grant Application

Please find enclosed the Indiana RESPECT (Reduces Early Sex and Pregnancy by Educating Children and Teens) FY 2008 and FY 2009 Application Packet and Grant Application Procedures (GAP) for community based programs supported by Federal and State funds.

This GAP is integrated with the mission of the Indiana State Department of Health: "The Indiana State Department of Health supports Indiana's economic prosperity and quality of life by promoting, protecting and providing for the health of Hoosiers in their communities."

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2007. Applicants will be notified whether their application will be funded by either April 2, 2007 (State grantees) or by July 2, 2007 (Federal grantees). Funding for State grantees will begin on July 1, 2007; funding for Federal grantees will begin on October 1, 2007.

A grant application workshop to provide technical assistance for the GAP will be held on Friday, January 19, 2007 in the Rice Auditorium at the Indiana State Department of Health, 2 North Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46204 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Please RSVP for this technical assistance meeting by contacting Kim Rief, Administrative Assistant, either via email at krief@isdh.in.gov or by calling (317) 233-1261.

Please note that this application includes some significant modifications compared to prior applications:

- Indiana RESPECT will now award all applicants up to \$30,000 per year instead of \$25,000;
- The amount of matching funds (local match) that **federal** applicants must contribute has increased to 75%; and
- Lastly, all applicants will be required to participate in program monitoring and evaluation by Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) staff or contract staff designated by ISDH.

If you have any questions or for clarification regarding this *application*, please contact Robert Bruce Scott, MCSHC Grant Coordinator, at rbscott@isdh.in.gov or by calling (317) 233-1241.

If you have any *programmatic* questions about Indiana RESPECT, please contact Stephanie G. Woodcox, MPH, CHES, Adolescent Health Coordinator at swoodcox@isdh.in.gov or by calling (317) 233-1374.